



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

For Week Ending August 21, 2005

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Field Crops

For the week ending August 21, cotton bolls have set on 95 percent of the acreage. Bolls have opened on 30 percent of the acreage. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly good. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly poor to fair.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other specialty melons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	–Percent–				
Alfalfa	0	5	28	56	11
Cotton	0	3	39	46	12
Range and Pasture	20	33	30	13	4

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	–Percent–			
Cotton – Setting Bolls	95	90	100	100
– Opening Bolls	30	21	41	47

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending August 20. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Payson and Willcox to normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Yuma while the lowest reading was in Flagstaff at 42 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.06 inches and Douglas received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.95 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 August 14 - August 20, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	73	-2	89	51	0.44	8.55	5.64
Casa Grande	89	-3	106	71	0.07	7.39	5.23
Coolidge	89	-3	104	71	0.56	7.95	5.51
Douglas	77	-2	91	62	0.95	8.82	8.19
Flagstaff	64	-3	78	42	0.06	20.65	14.23
Gila Bend	93	-2	108	75	0.15	3.90	4.12
Grand Canyon	65	-1	85	44	0.27	14.43	10.71
Kingman	80	-2	96	61	0.41	9.13	6.56
Parker	92	-2	105	73	0.84	5.92	3.09
Payson	74	-5	85	51	0.31	21.21	13.95
Phoenix	93	-2	107	78	0.00	6.66	4.77
Prescott Airport	71	-1	86	56	0.44	14.36	8.91
Safford Ag Center	81	-2	98	63	0.09	6.94	5.55
Tucson	85	-2	100	67	0.62	6.36	7.09
Willcox	78	-5	91	58	0.33	7.78	7.87
Winslow	75	-2	90	56	0.62	5.51	4.58
Yuma	93	0	109	79	0.00	5.66	1.71

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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